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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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May 28, 2008

Mr. Paul Diodati, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries
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Dear Paul,

I am pleased to confirm approval of the Division of Marine Fisheries' Unallied Management project entitled, "Framework 42, Massachusetts Groundfish Relief." The Authorized Representative for this award, Kevin Creighton, should have recently received an email from *Grants Online* with instructions on how to accept this award electronically. This award authorizes, under NOAA Grant No. NA08NMF4540498, the initiation of project work and expenditure of funds, effective April 1, 2008. Accordingly, NOAA has obligated \$13,047,065 to fully fund the Federal share of project costs.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight project-reporting requirements under this award. Semi-Annual performance reports will be required to address progress and performance in six-month intervals, beginning from the award start date April 1, 2008. Reports are due 30 days following the end of each reporting period and should be submitted electronically through *Grants Online*. Accordingly, project personnel should be advised of the following semi-annual reporting schedule:

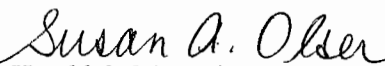
<u>Semi-Annual Reporting Period</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
April 1, 2008 – September 30, 2008	October 30, 2008
October 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009	April 30, 2009
April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009	October 30, 2009
October 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010	April 30, 2010

In addition, the Completion Report, addressing study accomplishments throughout the award period will become due 90 days after the award ends on June 30, 2010.

Financial Status Reports (SF-269) and Federal Cash Transaction Reports (SF-272) can now be entered directly into the *Grants Online* system. A guide is available at http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/~grantsonline/gol_training.html under *User Manuals*.

Nicole MacDonald is the Federal Program Officer for this award. She will monitor project activities and coordinate all programmatic issues or changes with NOAA's Grants Management Division. Please call Nicole at (978) 281-9299 or via e-mail to Nicole.MacDonald@noaa.gov if you have any questions concerning the award.

Sincerely,


for Harold C. Mears, Director
State, Federal and Constituent
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cc: D. McKiernan, K. Creighton
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